

**City of Bloomington
Telecommunications Council
Business Meeting – March 2nd, 2010**

**Common Council Chambers
City Hall at the Showers Building
401 N. Morton St.**

I. Members Present: Carl Zager, Suzann Owen, Eric Ost, Jesse Strycker, Duane Busick

II. Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of February Business meeting minutes, motion was made by Duane Busick to accept the minutes, and seconded by Suzann Owen. All approved the motion.
 - Corrections/ Additions: Suzann requested that minutes be more of a summary than a transcript.
- Approval of February Work session, motion made to accept by Jesse Strycker, and seconded by Duane Busick. All approved the motion.
 - Jesse's last name is misspelled.

III. Public Comment and Reports – None

IV. Reports and Announcements

1. Telecommunication Council Members:

Duane reminded everyone about the email sent from Rick Dietz about the language from Senate Bill 135 has been inserted into Senate Bill 262. Carl read the email that had come from Rick. The open public meeting was also emphasized. This meeting will be held on Thursday February 4th at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers. It will pertain to the Google gigabyte project.

2. CATS – Michael White, Programming Director for CATS

* Monthly programming

* Just installed a new audio console in Studio A

Jesse – What about hits on the website?

Michael – There was a question about accuracy. As soon as the website is finished being updated we will have a count again.

Suzann – Are you doing anything on primary election coverage?

Michael – Nothing is scheduled at this time.

Lennon Beasley – Community Producer at CATS

- He was producer and volunteer for the month of February
- Produced 75 programs for the month of February
- Two new programs: 1) Percussion Studio 2) Singing Studio

3. WTIU – Phil Mayer

TIU World

- We have been involved with the city consultant working on the strategic planning session on the video production capacity.
- Given feedback to the audience survey.
- Assisted the CATS staff in getting hooked-up to the telecom hotel.
- Purchased last piece of HD production equipment that will put everything in high definition.
- We will be putting a new camera and new switcher in our newsroom.
- Still investigating the state-wide inter-connects between Indiana PBS stations. We are pursuing that with a commercial vendor.
- We carried the governor's state of the state address, as well as others.
- Testing two online video systems
- Looking at the specifications for the forum network. Speeches, panel discussion will be posting online, works both nationally, and locally.

Note: Points were sent in an email.

Jesse – Do you have any reports of problems about audio sync of video 1, and audio dropout on video 2?

Phil – Yes!

Discussion about the problems that have occurred, Phil highlighted that these signals travel such a path to get the signal to the customer. The point was also raised by Carl that the problems have to be reported if the IURC is to even look at the problems with

video service providers. A major emphasis was put on the connection with Comcast being very difficult. The governor needs to be made aware that there is no way to file a complaint or concern when dealing with video service providers.

4. ITS Dept. – No Report.

V. Information and Comment from Video Service Provider – No Report

VI. Old Business

1. Report to City Council

Eric will send an outline via email. Carl suggested that the reports from WTIU and CATS needed to be included. Eric asked if Phil and Michael were to write those or the council. Suzann commented that in 2009 the CATS annual report was included.

2. EAS – Local Emergency Override

Carl is still having discussion with Jeff Schimmer concerning the national weather solution. At this point, there is no change! Duane asked about the spring testing of the weather alert system. Carl reported that the testing would take place on Wednesday, March 17th. There will be two tests one in the am between 10:15-10:30, and the second in the pm between 7:30-7:45. Monroe County has 31 sirens. Volunteers are being recruited to be at each of the sites to monitor any type of problems. Severe weather awareness week is March 15th-19th. There will also be a Severe Weather Spotting Clinic at Bloomington Hospital on February 5th at 7pm.

3. PEG Channels

- * Video Service Provider who carries the PEG channel (Comcast).
- * Video Service Provider who is supposedly in discussion over methodology and delivery of the PEG channels.
- * Video Service Provider who is reluctant to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the city over PEG channels.

4. Council Charter

When we met with the mayor, he said he would get back to us within 90 days. The April board meeting will be 88 days, so we may hear something by then, but we should definitely hear something by the May board meeting.

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 at 7:30

Common Council Chambers in City Hall at the Showers Building

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Submitted by:

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